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### BOOK REVIEWS.

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**Pollard's Supplement to the Code of Virginia**—Containing All Statutes of a General and Permanent Nature Passed by the General Assembly at Its Sessions of 1906, 1908 and 1910; also Annotations to the Code of Virginia, 1904, and the Constitution and Tax Bill. Edited by John Garland Pollard, of the Richmond Bar. Richmond, Va. Everett Waddey Co. 1910. Price \$7.50.

One notices on Northern trips as he passes along the railroad huge signs containing the terse sentence "\_\_\_\_\_'s Highball—That's all." We feel very much like saying "A supplemental code by Pollard—that's all;" for there is very little need of saying anything more. Pollard's work speaks for itself. In fact so valuable and well nigh indispensable has been his work as the compiler and annotator of his Code of 1904, that the volumes are quoted as though they had received the official sanction of the General Assembly. His Supplemental Codes have been equally as valuable and no lawyer of the State can afford to be without them.

The present volume, which by the way is almost equal in size to a volume of the Code of 1904, supersedes the biennial of 1906 and 1908 and brings the amendments to our laws and the changes in our general law from 1906 up to and including the legislation of 1910. The annotations are from 102 to 109, Virginia, inclusive; 194 to 215 U. S., inclusive; 129 to 176 Federal Reports, inclusive; and 9 to 15 VIRGINIA LAW REGISTER, inclusive; together with the author's own notes and amended and new forms.

That this work is admirably well done goes without saying. It is a necessity to every Virginia lawyer, and executed with such fidelity and care as to make it a luxury to use. The author announces that he will make no more supplements until there is a re-codification of our laws. That this has become essential the three volumes edited by Mr. Pollard clearly evince.

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**Lawyers' Reports, Annotated.** New Series. Book 27. *Burdette v. Rich* and Henry P. Farnham, Editors. 1910. Rochester, New York. The Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Company. Price \$4.00.

Volume 27 of this admirable series contains the usual number of carefully selected cases, splendidly annotated. We have been very much struck with the note as to *What is Testamentary Capacity*, page 1, annotating *Slaughter v. Heath*, from 127 Georgia. Also with the note as to the Right of a Property Owner to Damages on Injunction for Maintenance of Electric Light Planted in the Vicinity of his Property, annexed to the case of the *Sherman Gas & Electric Company v. Belden*, from the Supreme Court of Texas.

The note *Ex parte Margaret Beville*, from the Florida Supreme Court, as to the effect of Statute making Husband and Wife Competent Witnesses for or against Each Other upon a Privilege as to Confidential Communications between Them, discusses a question of some novelty, as well as the note to *Knight, etc., v. Castle*, from the Indiana Supreme Court as to the Right of a Sub-contractor, Material

Man or Laborer to Maintain Action on a Contractor's Bond to Owner.

Probably the most novel case cited, and though briefly annotated, of great interest, is the case of *Harris v. Fall*, from the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, as to the Liability of an Operating Surgeon for Negligent Acts of Internes or Hospital Nurse in Caring for Patient. These are two brief samples of some of the interesting cases reported in these volumes.

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**The Encyclopædia of Evidence.** Edited by Edgar W. Camp. Volume 14. L. D. Powell Company, Los Angeles, Cal.

We congratulate the publishers of this valuable series upon the issuance of the last volume. The fact that the work remained incomplete for so many years lessened its value, but now every topic from A to Z is fully treated, and in such a manner as to make the law readily accessible. Usually questions of evidence arise suddenly and must be decided quickly. Therefore, the encyclopedic method of treatment with its minute analysis is especially valuable in the law of evidence, for it enables the practitioner to go more directly to the rule for which he is looking. Hill, the meteorician, says "that form of expression is best which yields up its contained idea with the least expenditure of mental energy." Applying the same principle to law books it might be said in this busy age "that law book is best which is so constructed as to enable the lawyer to find with the least expenditure of time the rule of law governing his case." Judged by this standard *The Encyclopædia of Evidence* is the most useful work on evidence yet published.

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